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A NEW SOCIETY

Formed in Wheeling by School Superintendents of

THE UPPER OHIO VALLEY

TO THE EDUCATORS DISCUSSED

Last night in the office of Superinten-dent W. H. Anderson, of the Wheeling public schools, a meeting of superinten dents of Ohlo Valley cities and towns was held for the purpose of forming a ew organization, something on the or der of the Round Table.

Among the superintendents

Among the superintendents present were the following:

Supt. Githens, of Wellsburg.
Supt. Merts, of Steubenville.
Supt. Anderson, of Wheelins.
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Supt. Bulliams, of Ediafre.
Supt. Boyd, of Marietta.
Superintendent: Githens, of Wellsburg, was called to the chair, After some discussion it was decided to call the new organization the Ohio Valley Superintendents' Conference. A resolution was passed, which provides that each superintendent shall bring to the next meeting of the conference a spiext meeting of the conference a sy

study.

At last night's session of the conference, the subject, "Methods that hinder thinking," was discussed at considerable length, all of the superintendents taking part, "Vertical Writing" was also un-

The next meeting of the conference will take place in Wheeling on Febru-

A LARGE AUDIENCE

Vitnessed the High School Entertain ment Yesterday Afternoon.

trons of the high school were present it the entertainment given by the punils vesterday. A splendid programme of music and recitations was given, the choruses being rendered in a fine manner under the skillful direction of Miss Lucy Robinson. The following is the

PROGRAMME.

AMUSEMENTS.

Another large audience at the Grand with the performance given by the Reiled in a novel and pleasing fashion. One f the Gardner Bros, plays a solo upon

"Killarney and the Rhine," the News,
Providence, R. I., says: As the name implies, the piece is an admixture of Celtic wit and Teuton humor, and during the action of the play many unctious incidents and novel situations are evolved. Mr. Toole appeared as Conrad, a young German, who removed to Ireland and settled there and became the peacemaker of the village where he resided. His work was very line and elicited frequent appliance. His singing and dancing were features of the singing and the state of the singing and the singing as the singing and the singing as the singing as the singing and the si ited frequent appliance. His singing and dancing were features of the perform-ance. This will be the attraction at the Grand the first half of next week.

THE FARMERS' INSTITUTE. The eighth annual session of the Cole-rain Farmers' Institute will be held in V. C. T. U. half at that place on next Vednesday and Thurrday, E. E. Elliott, f Morning Sun, and W. N. Cowden, of J. B. McMichen, of St. Cairaville, and General S. H. Hurst, of Chillicothe, will lecture the second day, the latter in the evening, and his subject will be, "Sher-man's March to the Sea."

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not studied as they should have done are trembling for fear their average in their studies will be too low for the special promotions that are generally made about this time of year, while those who know they have made good use of their time are correspondingly happy in the consciousness of knowing that they will take a weil carned step forward. To know just who to promote and when to promote is one of the difficult problems confronting both principals and teachers of our ward schoods. It is one of the drawbacks of a system of graded schools that the individual is lost sight of in the teacher's paying attention to classes, from which two evils arise, viz: Bright pupils are retarded in their progress while very many dull ones get beyond their depth in the general promotions that take place at stated times. It is the successful teacher who is able so to know her pupils that they may all be kept so that they may become stronger in all their work and still be able to make such progress that they are not discouraged by the way. That teacher who studies her pupils that she knows what instruction to give and also knows just when it is properly directed, i. e., perfectly understood by the pupil, is to be the teacher of the near future, and those engaged in the work may as well realize it first as last and a prepare themselves that they may retain their positions. Child study has become a part and parcel of the teacher's preparation for work. Our boards of education are awaking to this fact and are selecting teachers on account of their fitness for the work and not by favoritism, as has been often the case in the past. May the Wheeling board of education begoverned thus in all selections of teachers from this time henceforth, and our schools will show the good effects, and that right early.

what are our public schools for anyhow? Why do the taxpayers pay their taxes year after year to support these schools? Is it in order that our boys and girls may get a knowledge of the branches merely? No. Yet this is necessary. Is it in order that they may pass through the schools from the lowest primary grads through the highest grade or the high school? No; though this is "a consummation devoutly to be wished." The great object is higher than all these. It is that our boys and girls may be so taught, led and guided while in these schools that they may leave them on the sure way to become full, rounded men and women in the race of life. How important, then, that full, rounded men and women be their guides for the from eight to twelve years spent in our public schools. The state has established a school system in order that good, intelligent citizens may come from them, and expecting this it is the state's duty as well to see that men and women in the truets sense are selected as instructors. are selected as instructors,

Taking for granted that the foregoing is true, what should guide us in the
selection of teachers for our public
schools? Should they be good scholars
merely? This is a requisite, but many
good scholars are very poor teachers.
They should be this and much more.
No one should be selected who has not
some practical knowledge of the child
and whose heart does not beat in sympathy with child nature. No one who
hates children has any business in the
school room as teacher. The teacher
should not only love children, but her
heart should go out especially for the
unfortunate ones who come from homes
where the sunlight of love has perhaps
never shed its rays; from homes where
all influence tends to degrade rather
than clevate. To lift up such as these
should be the special aim of the teacher,
and it is a noble work. Some one has
sald that three dutles of the teacher, are,
to protect the weak, to reclaim the viclous and to preserve the innocent,

A very interesting meeting of the A.

Artest nearing some friends con-tinually praising Chamberlain's Colle, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy, Curtis Fleck, of Anahelm, California, pur-shased a bettle of it for his own use and is now as enthusiastic over its wonderful owk as anyone can be. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by drug-cists.

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Holiday Rates on the R. & C. December 24, 25, 31 and January 1, the Daltimore & Ohio will sell round trip excursion tickets, at reduced rates, from all stations west of and including Pittaburgh and Wheeling and also from Wheeling to Washington, D. C., and valld for return passage un-



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THE RAILROADS

The railroads are confidently expect

in the spring. It is estimated that fully 100,000 people will attempt to reach th gold fields as soon as winter is over and with a desire to turn a nimble pen ny at every opportunity trunk lines ar beginning to prepare for the expected rush. One of the first in the field is the Baltimore & Ohio railroad which will on Tuesday, December II, begin the running of the through tourist car from New York City to San Francisco without change by way of Philadelphia, Washington, Parkersburg and Tincinnati, reaching St. Louis Wednesday evening, Texaskana Thursday afternoon, El Paso, Texas, Friday evening, and San Francisco Sunday morning. This service is in addition to the one provided by the Baltimore & Ohio railroad from Pittsburgh and Wheeling by way of Cincinnati and the Illinois Central to New Orleans and the Southern Pacific through to the coast, the Pittsburgh car leaving every Wednesday. The New York car on its return leaves San Francisco Monday evening and the Pittsburgh car leaves of Thursday, WHAT WILL P. & W. DO? beginning to prepare for the expected

WHAT WILL P. & W. DOT.

President Thomas M. King, of the
Pittsburgh & Wesiern and the Cleveland Terminal & Valley Railroad, integral parts of the Baltimore & Ohio
system, continues to manifest opposition to the receivers of the big property,
says yesterday's Cleveland Leader. The
hostility induces speculation regarding
the stability of Mr. King's position and
results in that Mr. King contemplates results in that Mr. King contemplated disrupting the system of which his pro-

disruption the system of which his properties are a part.

Mr. King's attitude convinces railread men that his position is impregnable, and some of them conclude that if an advantageous opportunity is found the P. & W. road will form an alliance with the Brice properties. This action would sever the Baltimore & Ohio line west of Pittsburgh and practically make that road terminate at the Ohio west of Fittsburgh and practically make that road terminate at the Ohlo river. The latest story concerning President King and his intentions not only involves ex-Senator Brice, but John Jacob Astor and the Illinois Cen-

John Jacob Astor and the Illinois Central railroad.

Mr. King's apparent antagonism is responsible for the inception of the report, and a recent meeting held either in Findlay, O, or Fort Wayne, Ind., has strengthened the rumor. At the meeting of officials of the Findlay, Fort Wayne & Western railroad, of which John J. Astor is president, several prominent officers of the Illinois Central Company were present. It was decided

inent officers of the Illinois Central Company were present. It was decided to extend the road westward to Kankafee. Ill., on the Illinois Central south of Chicago, through a territory where railroads are said to be too numerous, and to extend the line eastward, to what point was not announced. Mr. Astor's evident intention is to establish another trunk line.

It is figured that the Illinois Central is negotiating for a Pittsburgh entrance, or that it will assist in the formation of a line connecting Chicago and Pittsburgh. According to the story now affoat, the Pittsburgh & Western road, and the Brice lines will join hands, making a line from Pittsburgh to the extreme western part of Ohio. John Jacob Astor is to build an extension that will connect his property with ex-Senator Brice's lines and to construct the Kankakee extension. The Illinois Central is to furnish the Chicago terminals.

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The coalescence of these properties would likely benefit the Northern Ohio. one of Mr. Brice's roads, which extends westward from Akron, and is not a

TO ABANDON A TUNNEL.

Contractor T. J. Stringer will commence next Monday with a large force of men and teams, the work of making a cut brough the hill on the Wheeling & Lake Erie raliroad, to take the place of the Mt. Pleasant tunnel, one mile west of Dilionvale. The tunnel has been causing some trouble, and it seems that the company found that it would be necessary to arch the tunnel on make a cut through the hill, and it has been decided to abandon the tunnel and make a cut through the hill, which can be done as cheaply as to arch the tunnel, and this will be more satisfactory than arching. The tunnel is 450 feet long, and the distance from the top of the tunnel to the at p of the hill is 94 feet. This will be a big undertaking, but Mr. Stringer stated yesterday that he expects to have the work done in four months. The work of making a cut through the hill will not interfere with traffic on this rallroad. TO ABANDON A TUNNEL.

MR. BRUNER IN TOWN.

Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling railroad, was in Bridgeport yesterday, the guest of a few of his many-friends and former railroad employes. Mr. Bruner was always popular with his employes and was considered a practical, fair and just superior officer.

ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAKING. ATTEMPTED JAIL BREAKING. While Sheriff William Darby was out of town and Jailor Cowen was at dinner, the prisoners in the Helmont county jail attempted to escape by forcing open the main door with a piece of board, which was inserted at the too, where the door is slightly sprung. The brave wife of Sheriff Darby heard the noise upstairs, an securing a revolver hastened to the spot and stood guard at the door while her son summoned aid. Deputy Sheriff Foreman soon appeared, and all of the prisoners were locked up in cells.

MR. C. M. DIXON, a well known merchant of Pleasant Ridge, Fulton County, Pa., has a little girl who is frequently threatened with croup, but when the first symptoms appear, his wife gives her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, which always affords prompt relief. The 25 and 50 cent sizes for sale by druggists.

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Mitchell, Postmaster

THE RIVER.

YESTERDAY'S DEPARTURES.

K. BEDFORD, 6:30 a. m GAND, H a. m. NINGTON, 11 a. m.

BOATS LEAVING TO-MORROW.

HISDURGH. JEN HUR, 4 B. m.

HISDURGH. KANAWHA 5 B. m.

HISDURGH. KEYSTONE STATE, 6 B. m.

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HICHMALL. VIRGINIA, 8 B. m. Along the Landing.

The Iron Age passed up with a tox of lumber at 11 a. m. yesterday.

The Virginia is Sunday's Cincinnati packet, departing at 8 a. m., and mak-ing direct connection for all southern

and western ports. The marks at 6 p. m. showed 19 feet 6 ches and slowly rising; weather, cold-r and cloudy. The top-notch of the

The following boats passed down with coal yesterday: Belle McGowan, 3 a.m.; Fornado, 10 a. in.; Relief, Mount Clarc, II a. m.; Josh Cook, Smolty City, J. C. Brown, 4 p. m.; Stella Moren, Jim Wood

Wheeling agents of the independent Wheeling and Cincinnati packet, W. J. gram from her master, Capiain Mack Gamble, saying she had gone to the bank at Marletta on account of poor business. The time of her resumption is

WARREN-Kover 5 feet 4 inches Light rains
BROWNSVILLE-River 11 feet 2

failing. Cool and tabling. GREENSBORO-River 11 feet and failing. Rainfall 20; raining James G. Blaine and Florence Belle down Satur-

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BEDILION—On Thursday, December 16, 1897, at 8:45 p. m. ABRIANI, S., wife of Joseph L. Bedillon,

Puneral services at family residence,
Leatherwood, Saturday afternoon at 2:70 o'clock. Friends of the family respectfully invited to attend. Interment private at Greenwood company.

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A very interesting meeting of the A, B and grammar teachers of Ritchie was held in the office at the main building on Friday morning. Superintendent Anderson was present and gave one of his characteristic talks on school management in general. He spoke especially of how important it is not to overtee the variety of the problem of the problem.

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